

**Subject:** The process of preserving our neighborhoods  
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Friend --

I want you to know about the work I am doing to preserve the historic character of our neighborhoods.

There is a proposal to demolish a Spanish Colonial revival- style bungalow court located at 1450-1456 Echo Park Avenue, and the residents are working to save the property by submitting a cultural historic monument status application for the site.

News of the development project broke last month, and according to City records, an application was filed by the developer of 1456 Echo Park Avenue to build 12 single-family homes under the city's small-lot development ordinance.

The proposal by the developer to demolish this piece of Echo Park history flies in the face of our preservation efforts, as well as my work to revise the City's Small Lot Subdivision ordinance.

In addition, the proposal does not align with my goals to maintain the historic character of our Echo Park community. I will continue to work with the residents of 1450-1456 Echo Park Avenue to preserve this property, and do my best to make sure they are protected under their rights as renters.

In the coming weeks, I will also be looking at long-term fixes for zoning in the area, and work with Planning staff to encourage preservation of historic bungalow courts, a unique form of Los Angeles architecture that adds character to our neighborhoods while providing affordable housing for many residents across the City.

I am passionate about this subject, and I will be sure to keep you posted on this specific issue as it moves through the public process.

Kind regards,

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell

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#### COMING UP

1/26 STAY TUNED! ECHO PARK SKATE PARK ANNOUNCEMENT

1/26 [GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT](#)

2/24 [REGIONAL BUDGET ADVOCATES DAY - GLASSELL PARK](#)

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#### HEADLINES

Historic nomination for Echo Park bungalow court moves forward [[EASTSIDER LA](#)]

Atwater Hoarded House Fire Spurs New Policy [[LOS FELIZ LEDGER](#)]

Car takes a tumble on Echo Park's Baxter Street [[EASTSIDER LA](#)]

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#### STORM WATCH - PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR WET WEATHER



LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles area is bracing for inclement weather, and I want to be sure you have the most up-to-date information available on how the City is preparing for the rain. I also want to provide you with some tips on what to do around your home to protect your family and companion animals.

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#### TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE - GRACIA STREET



ATWATER VILLAGE - The CD13 Clean Team came across this pile of palm fronds at Gracia Street and Garden Avenue while doing neighborhood maintenance. Completing this project is one way we help maintain street safety.



## MITCH O'FARRELL

COUNCILMEMBER, 13TH DISTRICT



RAMPART VILLAGE - One of my Field Deputies sent the CD 13 Clean Team to this clean up on John Street east of N Hoover Street, clearing the pathway for all users of the sidewalk. See an area that needs attention? Contact my Community Organizer Sylvan De La Cruz at 213-207-3015.

[SEE MORE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS](#)

### LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY HOMELESS COUNT ON JANUARY 26

**EVERYONE COUNTS,  
NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE**

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count | January 24-26, 2017

LOS ANGELES - The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is a 3-day, on the ground, county-wide census of our homeless community. This timely data drives federal funding assistance and provides valuable information to City and County legislators to help allocate local funding assistance. The city-wide event takes place over three nights starting on January 24, however the 13th District-specific counts will be held on the night of January 26.

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### PARTICIPATE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET ADVOCATES SURVEY



CITY HALL - The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates announced the launch of its fourth in a series of surveys to assess needs of residents across the City. This recent edition covers the topic of homeless in our neighborhoods, and the impact the issue is having in our communities. Please take the survey, share it, and urge your friends and stakeholders to do the same.

[READ MORE](#)

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#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



LOS ANGELES - With Richard Montoya & Ric Salinas of the amazing Culture Clash! Mitch was on hand to present at the Ovation celebrating live theatre in Los Angeles.

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